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## PAUL GOTTAAS HONOURED



Paul Nycklemoe presenting Mr. Gotaas with plaque as Ross Anderson looks on.

tion of a Sons of Norway plaque to Mr. Paul Gotaas, a long-time resident of Camrose. Mr. Gotaas, now 84, first joined Sons of Norway in 1927 as a Charter member of Terje Viken No. 320 then joined Ronning Lodge in 1970 of which he is a Life Member. Hans Espe, President of Ronning Lodge, recognized Mr. Gotaas for his many years of work in Sons of

Norway, the community, and most especially in the area of Nordic skiing and jumping. In past years he has won many Canadian Championships in skiing and jumping and was chosen to go to the Olympics in Lake Placid in 1932. He was also recognized as being one of the outstanding jumping judges in Canada and was named to the Lions' Hall of Fame in 1968.

The following are the winners in the various events:  
BOWLING: 20 teams entered  
Ladies' Hi Single: Agnes Severson 297 Ronning Lodge Camrose  
Men's Hi Single: Hilmer Heggen 294 Ronning Lodge Camrose  
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HEAD TABLE — Dorie Anderson, Kermit Lilja, Mrs. Sig Stokken, Paul Nycklemoe, Marie Swanson, Hans Espe, Mayor Rudy Swanson, Arlene Nycklemoe, Hans Stokken, Mrs. Espe, Ross Anderson, Lil Lilja, Roy Swanberg.

### By Doreen Anderson, Winter Games '85 Committee

For the third time, Ronning Lodge No. 504, Camrose, Alberta, hosted the annual Zone 4 - District 4 "Winter Games" on March 22, 23 & 24th.

In attendance were International President, Paul & Mrs. Arleen Nycklemoe, Fergus Falls, Minn.; International 4th District Director Hans & Mrs. Sig Stokken, Lewistown, Montana; 4th District President Kermit & Mrs. Lil Lilja, Missoula, Montana; Mayor Rudy and Mrs. Marie Swanson of Camrose; as well as 293 Sons of Norway members from the 11 lodges in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

President Hans Espe of Ronning Lodge, Camrose, presents pewter tray to International President, Paul Nycklemoe and his wife Arlene.



The weekend of fellowship and fun began Friday evening with registration, dancing and social; Saturday was the day for all sports events - curling, bowling and Norwegian whist - as well as a banquet and dance.

Sunday, following the brunch, awards were presented to the various winners in the different events.

Ross H. Anderson capably handled the duties of Master of Ceremonies for the entire weekend. The most distant lodge to attend was Grande Prairie - who will be host for next year.

The highlight of the weekend was the presenta-

IT'S A STRIKE! — Roy Sundby



## ANSGAR VILLA

### By Pastor Holger Madsen

Strange as it may sound, Ansgar Villa in Edmonton owes its existence to the Chinese community in this city.

In the spring of 1977 an article appeared in one of the local publications telling about how the Chinese community in Edmonton had banded

together and had approached the Alberta Housing Corporation to build a senior citizens' high-rise apartment block. The article went on to explain how the Chinese community had proceeded, and how they had succeeded. One of the most eye-catching facts was that the Chinese community was estimated to number bet-

ween 6 and 8000 people. That statistic started me thinking.

If this number of people of an ethnic group could sponsor a project of some 90 self-contained suites, why could the Danish community in Edmonton not also do likewise. We number between 8 and 10,000.

After making a number of inquiries to the Alberta Housing Corp., I discovered that there was a possibility that the Danish community could in fact become a sponsoring group for a senior citizens' housing project. With this information in hand I met one evening with three young to middle-aged couples from Ansgar Church. We had gotten together with the view to establishing a couples' club in the congregation, but being that so few had responded to the invitation, there was not

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Anna Marie Voldmo, Linda Domier, Kris Nyhus and Reiden Berg sing "UT ETTER OL"

## Solglyt Spotlight

## By Astrid Hope

June 8th Torske Klubben - Ladies' Night - Saxony Inn.

June 21-23rd - St. Hans Fest - at Mulhurst Lutheran Camp, Pigeon Lake.

Aug. 4-5 HERITAGE DAYS at Hawrelak Park

Aug. 18-25 - Trollhaugen Language & Culture Summer Camp. Come and have Fun.

Sept. 21 - General Meeting - Time and place to be announced.

About 21 persons braved the unexpected snowstorm, and succeeded in being in attendance at Sons of Norway's general meeting on April 20th at the Captain's Cabin. Some, with really good intentions, had second thoughts - or even started out as did the Bergs from St. Albert. This night was to be the much-looked-forward-to Queen Competition. But anticipation ended in great disappointment for Carmen and Corrine Berg, two of the 3 contestants. The third candidate was the only one present, so Linda

Domier was acclaimed Sons of Norway Queen, 1985. Her credentials will be of great benefit in her role as our Queen.

Linda, 21, daughter of Solglyt members Selma and Ken Domier, and a member herself since February, 1982, graduates this spring from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Commerce degree, majoring in Industrial Relations. In a couple of years she hopes to get her Master of Business Administration degree.

Linda has been taking Norwegian language courses for two years at the U. of A. In 1984, she attended University of Oslo's International Summer School as a Sons of Norway Scholarship winner.

She is a member of the Scandinavian Folk Dancing group and takes part in other S.N. functions such as Torske Klubben Youth Nite and Ladies' Nite, as well as bowling.

A member of the University Scandinavian Club, Linda has served as President of the Club for the past year. She is very knowledgeable and interested in Norwegian Culture and in SONS OF NORWAY. Although

elected by acclamation she was requested to do a presentation of her talent, and with the help of members well oriented in the Norwegian language she sang 'UT ETTER OL' (an old folk drinking ditty.)

## CONGRATULATIONS LINDA!

Linda will be crowned at the Syttende Mai Festivities at the Faculty Club at the University area, by the past-Queen Connie Berg (1981-1985), and will also be presented with the Barbara Fowler plaque (in memory of the late Barbara Fowler, proclaimed queen in 1976, who passed away before she could be crowned).

Two new members were initiated at the meeting-Selma Hyde and Gail Ahlf. A wine and cheese party and games of Norwegian Whist followed. Ladies' high-score prize went to Betty Broen, low to Astrid Hope. Men's high score went to Kris Nyhus while the low went to Sig Sorenson. As usual a delicious lunch and coffee was provided by the social committee.

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# FINNISH FOOTNOTES

**By Anja Sahuri**

**Birhdays**

So far this year there have been four Birthday parties. Traditionally they are supposed to be surprise parties for the Guest of Honor, but I have my suspicions about that. Anyway, all the parties went well and everyone enjoyed all the evenings and especially all the delicious food that the ladies had prepared.

And here are belated Birthday wishes to all four:

to Yrjo Mantere whose 60th Birthday party was on Feb. 2, 1985;

to Martti Haikarainen whose 60th as well was on Mar. 2, 1985;

to Sirkka Ristola whose 60th party was held Mar. 3, 1985;

and to Eino Ikonen who celebrated his 70th Birthday on Mar. 16, 1985.

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAYS TO ALL OF YOU!

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**Skiing Competition**

The annual skiing competition of The Finnish Society of Edmonton was held at Lower Gold Bar Park on Feb. 16, 1985.

The morning arrived a little on the chilly side, but as the day wore on the weather turned sunny and warm.

People were ready at the starting gate well before the designated time. Though the attendance was not as large as in some previous years, it was nice to see all those who came.

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Winners are as follows: Men: 1st. Dick Sahuri: 2nd. Mauno Ketonen: 3rd. Pasi Karsten. Senior Men: 1st. Aarre Wahlberg: 2nd. Urho Leino. Ladies: 1st. Britta Karsten: 2nd. Maria Leppanen: 3rd. Anja Sahuri. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS!

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**Fishing Competition:**

The Annual Finnish Society Fishing Competition was held on Mar. 24, 1985 at Skeleton Lake, thanks to Mr. & Mrs. V. Leino. Their cabin was the headquarters and warming-up place for those who were cold.

The day was very nice and sunny and quite a few people decided to turn out for this annual event.

Competition spirit took charge as people dashed to those places where each one had determined the fish would bite; the lucky winners are as follows:

Ladies: 1st. Maria Leppanen: 2nd. Ellen Kopra: 3rd. Judy VanEs.  
Men: 1st. Pauli Vanhala: 2nd. Urho Leino: 3rd. Viljo Nurme.  
Congratulations to all winners!

After weighing the fish and determining the winners, the "Kalasoppa" was served to everyone and coffee and goodies were available throughout the day.

Thanks again to Anja and Veikko Leino for their hospitality.

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## IN MEMORIAM MATTI JOHN RAMA

1898 - 1985

Matti John Rama was born in Sippoo, Finland on December 22, 1898, and passed away on Mar. 24, 1985, in Edmonton, Alberta.

When still a young man, in 1924, he decided to come to Canada, spending most of the years since then in Edmonton. He worked in all the western provinces and, although it didn't last very long, his very first job in Canada was in the B.C. mountains working for a C.N.R. Section Gang.

Matti John Rama and Bertha Carlson were married in Edmonton in 1927. They moved to a homestead at Goose Lake for a while, returning to Edmonton later on.

John Rama started working for the City of Edmonton also in 1927 and made that his career, retiring in 1963.

He was a hard working and honest individual both at home and within those organizations that he belonged to. He was a past President of The Scandinavian Centre Co-op Association and also served as a Member of the Board of same for some years. He also belonged to the Edmonton Citizenship Council, and had been a member of the Loyal Order of Moose No. 772 since 1937.

John Rama was one of the organizing members of The Finnish Society of Edmonton, and served on the executive for many years. He was a past President and later was presented with the only honorary position title, so far granted — Honourary President of The Finnish Society for life.

Mr. Rama will not only be missed by his family but also by

numerous friends here in Alberta and throughout Canada as well as in Finland. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to his family.

Matti John Rama is survived and sadly missed by his loving wife Bertha; three sons, Leslie at home, William of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, and Clarence of Ottawa; one daughter, Mrs. Maurice (Doris) Demers of Mission Viego, California; eleven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

"Towns & countries woo together,  
Forelands beacon, belfries call;  
Never lad that trod on leather  
Lived to feast his heart with all.

Clay lies still, but blood's a rover;  
Breath's a ware that will not keep.  
Up, lad: when the journey's over  
There'll be time enough to sleep.

## HANS KRISTENSEN NO LONGER ASSOCIATED WITH TRAVEL AGENCY

The Danish travel agency, Hans H. Kristensen Travel Ltd., has seen some drastic changes recently. The company was started by Karen and Hans Kristensen (formerly of Edmonton) in Copenhagen, Denmark in 1966.

Through their hard work and never-failing dedication it grew into a corporation with offices in 6 countries. Among the many services offered were charter flights between Scandinavian and Western Canada, sold by Vera Nielsen, Scandinavian Centre, on this side of the Atlantic. In 1983 an office was established in Edmonton, staffed by Joan and Cy McAndrews and Lene Jorgensen.

However, Hans was not sole owner of the company, and when the financial statement for 1983 showed a considerable loss, his two partners, Count Chr. Lerche and Count Preben Ahlefeldt-Laurvig, initiated a campaign to oust Hans from the company. This was accomplished in April this year and was possible because the two partners together held the majority of shares.

The two owners were recently in Edmonton and by releasing Joan and Cy McAndrews disrupted the office which still bears the name Hans. H. Kristensen Travel Ltd.

In conversation with Lene Jorgensen, she stated:

"I wish to announce that I am no longer associated with Hans H. Kristensen Travel Ltd. Under the new management I felt it impossible to continue in my job as travel consultant, and therefore resigned as of May 14th. I do not know what the plans are for the Edmonton office, but it is still open. It was great working in the travel industry, and I wish to thank the Scandinavian community and all my friends for their support. We were very busy and every day was interesting. I hope to be able to work in a travel agency again, and will let you all know where and when."

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## DANISH CANADIAN FRIENDSHIP CLUB

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

In mid April 1983 eight people gathered in the home of Danish consul Donn Larsen to organize the Danish participation in a world wide arts and crafts exhibition during the 1983 Universiade Games in Edmonton. During the very first discussions the idea of forming a Danish club came up — a club with the emphasis on Danish culture and heritage.

The founding group: consul Donn Larsen and wife, Ella, Susanne Balslov, Tove Hansen, Lene Holgersen, Kim Frandsen, Ole Hansen and Helge Krogh. As the evening progressed ideas were formed into the first goals and objectives, and Ole Hansen was named as the first president of The Danish Canadian Friendship Club of Edmonton.

The young club achieved its first goal and received many compliments for the Danish stand which was an eyecatcher at 'Crafts of the World Exhibition' in Edmonton's brand-new Convention Centre.

After the exhibition was over the board of directors started the everyday hard club work. First a membership drive was started and after that several committees were formed. And as the first two years passed various events were launched. Almost every single event has had a cultural aspect — whether it was a Danish cooking class for Canadians, a Christmas decoration workshop, or a membership evening with talks and discussions on early Danish settlers in Alberta.

But there were also times for socializing when the club held a formal gourmet dinner and dance.

The club's formal objectives read: "....through various activities and programs to preserve the cultural heritage of the Danish community in Edmonton and surrounding area. And for the benefit of future generations to preserve and develop the Danish Culture and Traditions".

Much in tune with these objectives the club has recently started production of a monthly television program in English about Denmark and the Danes. The production is done by volunteers from the club and it is the hope that the programs will eventually be made available on all community cables across Canada.

When Ole Hansen retired as president in 1984, Kai Lyng was named as the second president of the Danish Canadian Friendship Club of Edmonton.

We are pleased to report that our GREENLAND EVENING at CLUB 386 was quite a success. Not only were the two guest speakers very interesting people but they were able to spark lots of valuable questions from the about 40 members and guests. Everybody got their Greenland knowledge updated and as a surprise bonus we were treated with some very beautiful color slides on Greenland and it's population. A big thank you to Mr. Finn Lyng and Mr. Bent Fredskild for their contributions. A special thank you goes to Jens Norgaard and his staff at Club 386 who provided the superb "HAMBURGERRY" — best in man's memory!

We must also mention our JANUARY MEETING at the Danish Church where secretary Birgit Langhammer held about 25 people's attention with her most interesting lecture on early Danish settlers in Alberta. Surely a night to remember. DENMARK UPDATE: Spring has finally come to Denmark after the longest and coldest winter since 1941. The Danes brace themselves for a heating bill up 50 percent. And to make matters even worse the country encountered its worst labour dispute since the second world war.

It began with the strike of more than 300,000 employees from the private sector. When the conservative coalition government decided to legislate an end to the strike and bring in a law enforcing settlement, another 300,000 public workers hit the streets and Denmark came to a complete standstill Friday March 29th. But despite demonstrators' attempt to keep the politicians out of parliament, a settlement package was rushed through Friday night.

The new package offers both private and public sector workers two-per-cent pay increases this year and 1.5-per-cent next year. Further the work week will be one hour shorter — 39 hours — from January 1st 1986.

The official inauguration of "Ansgar Villa" took place May 24th at 2 p.m. Ansgar Villa is the senior citizens' home administered by Ansgar Lutheran Church.

Our club sponsored a competition between Alberta artists and artisans to come up with proposals on some kind of artistic impression of Ansgar. 12 artists have been invited to participate and their contributions can be seen at Ansgar Villa.

As we all know so well, Christianity was introduced in Denmark in 826 by the mission of the Benedictine Monk, Ansgar, from northern France, but was not adopted until about 960, when, according to Saxo, the monk Poppo convinced King Harald Bluetooth of its power by carrying a red-hot iron in his hands.

Edmonton got a second Royal Restaurant in May — The "Royal Viking" at 10223 — 112 Street. Jens Norgaard and his kitchen staff have moved from Club 386 to this brand new facility with an extensive Scandinavian and Canadian menu, and most important for us "Vikings", Danish open-face sandwiches.



The "Little Mermaid" in the garden court

## ANSGAR VILLA

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much enthusiasm for beginning such a club. I then brought up the topic of a senior citizens' facility and asked those present how they felt about the idea. They were all in agreement that this would be a most worthwhile undertaking. We discussed

the possibilities far into the night.

One of the very first things that was required of a sponsoring group was that we had to be incorporated as a society under the Societies Act of Alberta. This meant that we ...continued over

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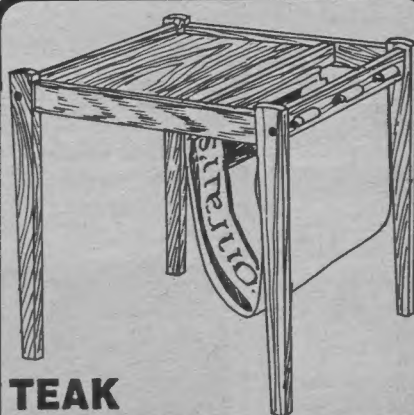


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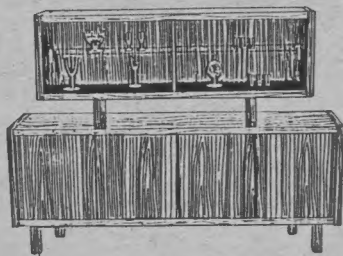
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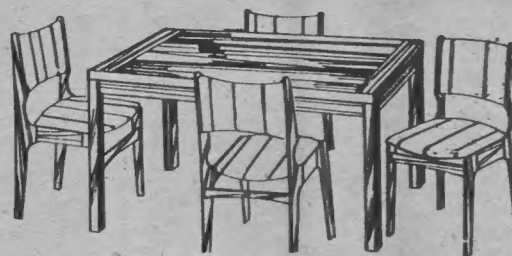
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## ANSGAR VILLA cont...

had to draw up a Constitution, and select a Board of Directors who would sign this Constitution. The three couples became the first Board of Directors of Ansgar Villa Foundation.

Those sites that we were attracted to became unavailable when the local residents of a district heard of the proposal and made protests to the city authorities. After two years of looking at sites the AHC proposed to us that we should consider scaling our project down to 50 suites, thus making many more sites available. Since in the meantime our Interest List had grown to 350 names, we rejected the proposal, saying that the only change we would consider was to double the size of our project.

Then one memorable day I was approached by AHC and asked if we would consider a project of 208 suites, to which I readily agreed. They had a site in what I considered a most favorable location, our Board concurred and the design was begun. During the preliminary design work we were allowed to make suggestions and recommendations, and were told that we could

give the project a Scandinavian flavor within certain guidelines.

By this time our Board of Directors had changed and only one person of the original six was still on the Board. But one of the then-Board members was a person involved in construction, and his comments and suggestions were most helpful as we studied the preliminary plans. The plans were submitted to the city and the project was approved, but then a month later the city reversed its decision. I discovered that there had been some political pressure exerted by some landowners in the area. Exasperated at this sudden turn of events I pleaded with the AHC officials that we launch a formal protest to the Development Appeal Board. They agreed, and one warm day in August we appeared before this Board and made our appeal. Armed with an Interest List of 450 names I preached the most fiery 15-minute sermon of my career citing all the valid arguments I could muster as to why this project should be allowed to proceed. Fifteen minutes later we were informed that permission had been granted for a project of 176 suites in a 12-storey

building. In May of 1982 we held a ground-breaking ceremony with thanks to God that we had gotten this far.

In June of 1984 the first residents began to move into Ansgar Villa. As of October 1984, there were over 100 suites occupied by happy pensioners.

By the time we were ready to send out the first application forms to those people on our Interest List we had nearly 1000 names to go through. But since the List was begun a lot of changes had taken place; many people had passed on, others had moved away from the city, and still others had become incapacitated or had changed their minds. In the fall of 1983 the Board of the Villa made over 800 phone calls to determine if people were now interested in receiving an application form. From these calls 320 indicated that they would like an application, but of these 320 we only received approximately 60 returns. The reasons for this low response are many and varied, but the main reason is in all likelihood the fact that for many seniors it is a big step to admit that they can no longer manage their own home, and have to give up

their independence. However as more people move in, and their friends come to visit and see the pleasant surroundings of the Villa, more and more apply.

We are most fortunate in having secured a manager who has had over 10 years experience of working with senior citizens. He is a Lutheran pastor, a third generation Dane, and he and his wife have the capability and the capacity to care for seniors, their problems, their limitations and their hopes. One of our original Board members is our janitor/groundsman, and a son of one of Ansgar Church's members is our Maintenance man, so we are blessed with good personnel.

It is our hope that the residents of Ansgar Villa may come to discover that the Villa is a good place to live and to enjoy their sunset years, not just a place to exist until they die. The names of the residents read like the roster of the United Nations with representation from almost every ethnic group — a very typical Canadian situation.

The official opening of the Villa is slated for May 22, 1985, by which time 75 % of the suites will be filled.

## IRVIN SERVOLD INDUCTED TO HALL OF FAME

On April 2nd 80 Torske Klubben members and friends gathered at the Saxony Inn to enjoy that delicious Black Cod, not to speak of the Akvavit.

Guest speaker for the evening was Mr. C.R. Bacland of Lands, Energy and Natural Resources whose topic was on search and leasing of Government land on a lake (or close to), as opposed to purchase of land as planned by the Trollhaugen Language Arts and Culture Society.

It was stated that some information might be obtained from the head of Lands & Forest (non-agricultural) Land Disposition. Lands Dept., Morinville. Working from that approach a 21-Year Lease at \$1.00 a year might be possible. In the search for such a parcel of land, one must look first for access roads, then initiate a search through photographic or Government maps for a 20-acre site. Another approach would be to request 20 acres of non-agricultural land (non profit), through our Government representative, Don Sparrow, who is Member in the area we would like to locate.

Possible disadvantages could be: taxes at the going rate, public and land restrictions, land and improvement tax; additionally if the land is not purchased it is possible that it could later be sold and moving made necessary. In view of all this information, members felt it would be much better to let well enough alone for the time being.

Bob Burt brought a guest from Devon, Irvin Servold, who recently returned from Toronto where he attended the Canadian Ski Museum. At a banquet at the Royal York (Mar. 23rd) he received an Honor Roll, and was inducted into the Hall of Fame; his name will appear with other distinguished ski celebrities. His name and acknowledgements will also appear in the Hall of Fame in Ottawa. Irvin has contributed to the continued growth of Cross Country Skiing and jumping not only in the West, but nationally and internationally. Irvin said a few words concerning skiing in general. Members' comments included congratulations, and "It is about time that such recognition has been given."

Torske Klubben's meeting for May was held at the Saxony Inn with guest speaker Peter Gregas of Travel Alberta. Peter represents the Dept. of Tourism and Small Business, and was well versed on the many points of interest in Alberta. We look upon travel in Alberta as the Calgary Stampede, Klondike Days, Jasper and Banff. There are as many points of interest in Alberta as there are interests of persons. All it takes is an open mind and an open point of view, "See Alberta First."

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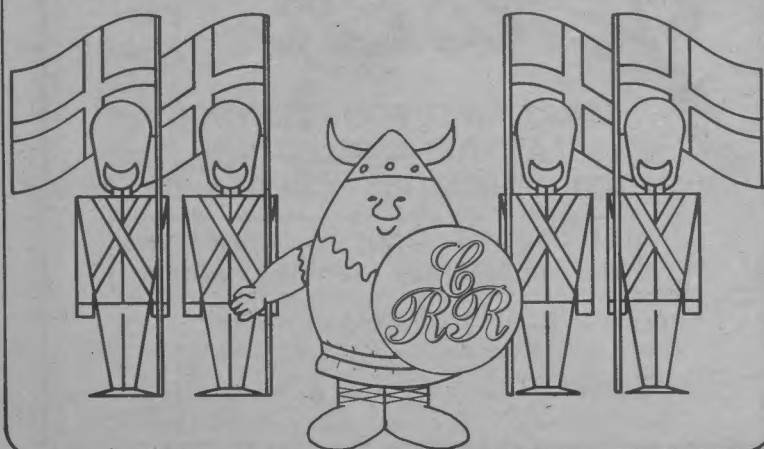
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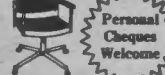
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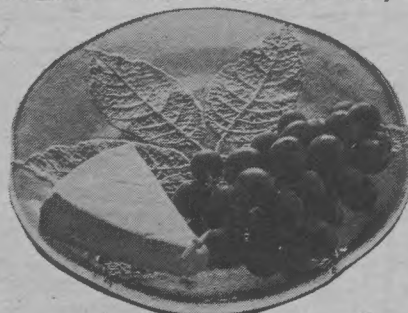
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June 23, 10 am.- English  
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July 21, 10 am.-Danish, Service conducted by a lay-person  
July 28, 10 am.-English, Pastor A. Rasmussen

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# SKANDIA NEWS

By Kaye Kerr

Skandia Lodge is optimistic -they're planning for summer activities! The annual Pie Social is planned for August 18th, 1985. Bring your appetite and have some scrumptious pie and coffee.

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Plans are going ahead for a Summer Camp at Pigeon Lake. Attendance will be limited to children of Lodge members. Further details will be forthcoming.

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An enjoyable evening was had by all attending the Coffee Party in honour of the Swedish Ambassador to Canada, His Excellency Ola Ullsten. The program for the evening emphasized "International Youth Year".

Sandra Petersson entertained guests with a vocal solo and Christine Nyroos gave a reading on the Swedish people in Alberta. She told about the organizing of the Vasa Order of America, Skandia Lodge No. 549, in 1929 and their contributions to the community, the hard life of the Pioneers and the Historic Road Sign which was unveiled September 9, 1978, honouring the Swedish Pioneers.

Special guests included Ted Van Eeken, Chairman of Alberta Cultural Heritage Foundation; Robinson Koilpilliar, Chairman Alberta Cultural

Heritage Council; Bent Skousbol, President Scandinavian Heritage Society of Edmonton; Pastor J.W. Kruger, Pastor, Augustana Lutheran Church; Lennart Petersson, District Master of Alberta District No. 18.

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At our April 1st Lodge meeting we were pleased to have in our midst visitors from Norden Lodge No. 513 of Meeting Creek.

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Several of our Lodge members have been travelling again: Mrs. Evelyn Johnson holidayed in New Mexico and Palm Springs.

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Lulu and Harold Lundgren spent 3 weeks in Hawaii.

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Bill and Martha Kay had a enjoyable 5 days in Reno recently.

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Minnie and Harold Markstrom were recent visitors to Vancouver, travelling by VIA Rail. While in Vancouver they visited Winnie and Oscar Person.

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The next Lodge meeting will be in the Club House at Pigeon Lake on May 4th at 7:00 p.m. See you there!

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At the Vasa Ladies' Annual meeting held recently the following Officers were elected for 1985:

President - Alice Sorensen  
Vice-President - Sonja Bergstrom  
Secretary - Rosalind Johnson  
Treasurer - Martha Kay

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The next Ladies' Meeting will be on May 13th at the home of Karen Runset, 8415 - 135 Avenue. Phone: 478-6702.

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Be sure to read the article by Verna Larson, Cultural Leader, on Gagnef's Minnestugan found elsewhere in the paper.

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Eva H. Redekop

Scandinavian News now has a representative in Calgary to help oversee the paper's expansion into this market.

Eva H. Redekop, a Danish journalist, received her education in Denmark where she worked for Radio Denmark's shortwave department and for Morgenavisen Jyllands-Posten, a national newspaper.

Since her arrival in Canada 18 months ago she has been a student at The University of Calgary and has worked free-lance for various media in Denmark.

A frequent participant in events on the Scandinavian scene in Calgary, Eva H. Redekop will work as a journalist and advertising agent in this area.

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# GAGNEF'S MINNESTUGAN

By Verna Larson, Cultural Leader, Skandia Lodge No. 549.

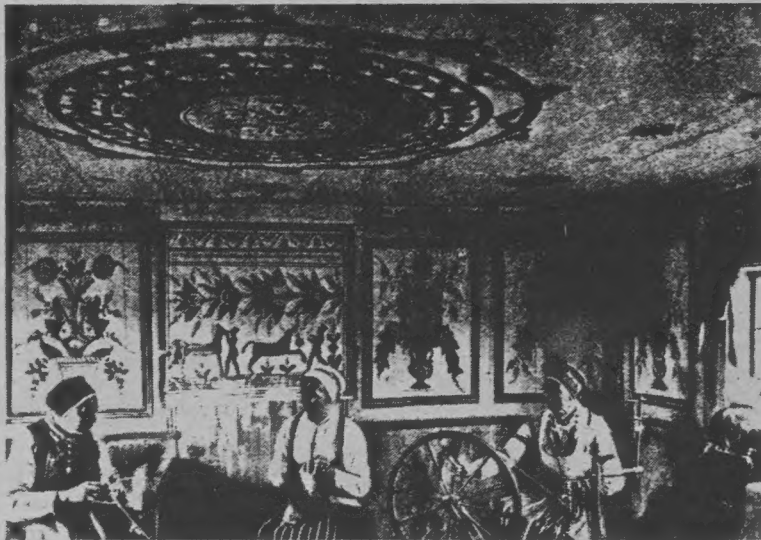
To me, Gagnef is synonymous with home - it is my home in Sweden. Three of my grandparents came from there, so as a child I heard the name "Gagnef" very often.

To get a full picture of Gagnef, of its beauty and worth, you should visit Gagnef's Minnestuga at Tallbacken. It is situated up on a hill overlooking the beautiful river Dalälven. A red floating bridge crosses the river, and to the right and behind the bridge can be seen the spire of Gagnef's church nestled among the trees.

Directly across the river is a flat area, beautifully treed with birch and aspen, and dotted with red painted houses. Where that scene ends, the forest begins, and rises to the height of the mountain in the background.

This is the setting chosen by the artist Otilia Adelborg to build a place which would become a memory house of Gagnef's people, of their lives and achievements. In 1909, she, together with her sisters, organized a plan to assemble the works of the Gagnef people into buildings brought in from local areas (similar to our own Fort Edmonton). Some were dwellings, others work shops, some harbours (storage huts) filled with artifacts, tools, costumes, house-hold effects, some dating well back into the 1500's. One of the buildings housed an old church boat, preserved for posterity.

A wooden flax thresher was a simple but effective means of separating the linen from the stalk. A 2x4 on a hinge was made to fit into a groove on a wooden base; the flax stalks were pressed into the groove by hammering down the 2x4 to break the straw. Soon long strands of pure linen threads were freed and ready for spinning into linen thread. This procedure was demonstrated to tourists on Sundays in the summertime.



Once the linen was separated, it was handed over to several ladies who sat with spinning wheels, ready to set the wheels in motion. Once it was spun into thread, another group of ladies made lace with bobbins, an intricate procedure much in evidence in handicraft shops throughout Sweden.

In another area a group of people made whisks and brooms out of birch and juniper. An old kvarn (mill) was also demonstrated, as well as other tools used in the old days.

Inside many of these old stugas were wall paintings, usually depicting some aspect of life. One which interested me greatly and I saw replicas of it in many homes, depicted life from the cradle to the grave. It showed, on the left hand side at the bottom, a cradle with a baby in it. On steps thereafter were figures of young persons, gradually growing up, until they reached about 30-40 years of age, and they appeared on the top of the picture, presumably at the peak of their lives - not quite over the hill, but close - and from there on down to

the bottom corner of the picture were the steps of age, till finally, at the very bottom was another cradle which was in effect a coffin. Sad, but realistic.

These paintings seemed to have centered in the Province of Dalarna and appeared to have significant religious connotations. Some were paintings of people, some of flowers, of these usually the lily. They are called "kurbits" and it is from these drawings that designs have been taken to decorate many of the articles you see in Sweden today on furniture, clocks, wooden shoes, souvenirs, etc.

## CULTURAL CORNER

By Astrid Hope, Cultural Director, Solgylt Lodge, Sons of Norway.

The 'Freeloaders', represented by Harry Huser and Odd Espeland, responded to a request by the Swedish Consul, Lars Fahlstrom, to provide Scandinavian music during cocktail hour and Dinner for the Swedish Consular evening.

Lars Fahlstrom introduced "Sweden" to the membership of Edmonton Club; Eric Ericson, Swedish Conductor of the Stockholm Chamber Choir was also present, being in Edmonton to participate in and celebrate Tribach festivities. The Freeloaders received a standing ovation for their performance.

The "Freeloaders", were invited to a reception for Eric Ericson at Lars Fahlstrom's new office at the swank Le Marchand Mansion and Astrid

Hope attended as their representative. The Stockholm Chamber Choir favoured the guests with a choral rendition of one of their musical melodies.

On May 4th the Scandinavian Dancers had their premiere public performance in the flowery Centre Core of the Muttart Conservatory. 18 dancers, 4 of whom came from Red Deer, performed dances such as "Red Toque", "Gaarde Bi Laaten", "Pariser Polka", "Clock Dance", "Ya-ya-ya", "Hambo", "Gamel Reinlander" and many others. Besides dancing very splendidly for the short period they have been together, the ladies also looked very resplendant in their new "bonde hverdags drakt", 3 representing Fana, and 3 representing the Hordeland, just acquired from Norway. They are planning to perform at Heritage Days. Plan to see them there!



Scandinavian dancers at Muttart Conservatory

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR CHANGING TOGETHER — A Centre for Immigrant Women

In this letter I would like to introduce "Changing Together - A Centre for Immigrant Women" to you and the members of your organization. I will briefly outline the aims of our association and point out how we might be of service to some of your members, and how in turn you might be able to assist us in the pursuit of our goals if you are interested.

"Changing Together" is a non-profit organization which was established in April 1984 with the purpose to represent the interests of immigrant women in Edmonton and to assist them in a satisfying adjustment to Canadian society. By that we mean that immigrant women shall become fully respected and integrated members of our community without having to sacrifice their cultural heritage or personal dignity. If you ask why our focus rests on immigrant women, I would like to point to the result of a research study conducted by the Faculty of Extension, U of A, which showed that the needs of the women are often the ones most neglected in the early settlement process of immigrant families. Usually the men receive some sort of assistance in the form of English and/or career and they come in to contact with the Canadian way of life at their work place. Similarly, the children learn about Canadian society, its morals, values and expectations at school.

The women, however are often preoccupied with looking after the home and children and taking part-time jobs in the evening or at night to supplement the family income. In these jobs they often work with people from the same language background so that they do not have a change to be exposed to the mainstream society. They often lack the necessary information about Canadian institutions such as schools, family law, the workplace etc. to participate in this society according to their potentials.

Underdeveloped English language skills often also lead to a decrease in self-confidence so that some women give up believing that they could do much better in Canada.

"Changing Together" sees its mandate in helping these women to make the necessary changes to live up to their potential. We provide information and referrals about all aspects of social services, education, health, employment etc. Recently we have started a pre-employment course called "Making Changes" consisting of 12 sessions, which is aimed at assisting women in finding jobs according to their qualifications or to help them to obtain some training. We are also planning to offer special English as a Second Language classes and a course on "Canadian Parenting", which addresses the expectations the Canadian schools and society have of parents as well as our children's difficult task of integrating two cultures. All our services are offered at no charge and childcare is provided at no cost as well.

I believe that there might be some women in your organization who would like to make use of our service, and I would greatly appreciate if you would make them aware of our existence. Furthermore, I know that there are many women in Edmonton who immigrated to Canada a long time ago and who have made a very successful adjustment to this society. You probably know several of them personally and your organization counts many of them among its members. I am wondering whether some of them might be interested in working with us to help more recent immigrants to master their adjustment as well as they did. As a non-profit organization we are looking for volunteers who are willing to give some of their time and expertise to help other people. For each of us a lot can be learned from the experiences of other people, and I think it would be a shame if we would not arrange to

profit from the many years of successful immigration to this province. Please let any of your interested members know that we would very much welcome them as volunteers and/or members in our Centre. I am thankful for your co-operation and trust that you understand the very specific, cross-cultural goals of our organization. If you have any further questions please feel free to contact our staff, Jeanine and Ana, during office hours at 9321 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, T5H 3T7. Sincerely yours,  
Dr. Gisela Forchner  
Chairperson

## SMALL ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL MEETING

On April 10th just over two dozen shareholders attended the Scandinavian Centre's annual meeting at Club 386.

The disappointingly small group necessitated a one-hour delay in the commencement of the meeting in order to declare the number present a quorum. The time was put to good use, however, with a general discussion taking place.

The Board of Directors is presently endeavouring to sell the tables and chairs and other remaining Centre equipment which is stored at Commercial Electric, courtesy of Kurt Sorensen.

The meeting formally agreed that the Viking ship, along with any furnishings and equipment required for Heritage Days, be sold to the Scandinavian Heritage Society for \$1.00 and value received. This will ensure that all five groups continue to be well represented at Edmonton's popular annual event.

Reports were given by the Board, and Knud Holm-Pedersen reported that the Scandinavian News subscription list is growing, but more slowly than he would like.

Little has transpired during the past year in spite of the efforts of the Board of Directors. There has, however, been some interest evinced by an automobile dealer in our west-end property, although nothing concrete has yet been proposed.

Doug Peterson, Scandinavian Centre auditor, reviewed the Financial Statements, and Peterson & Walker were appointed by the meeting to serve in that capacity for the coming year.

Nominating Committee Chairman, Ken Domier, reported that while Pentti Sipari has resigned from the Board, Wally Broen, Leif Oddson and Knud Holm-Pedersen who were elected at last year's annual meeting to serve a

term of one year, had all agreed to serve for an additional two years. Thus there was one position only to be filled. The Committee had the name of one candidate to submit, but during the meeting he withdrew his name. Nominations from the floor produced no candidates, and it was therefore agreed that the Board be authorized to appoint a Director to fill the vacancy.

The Board of Directors for 1985 is as follows:

Kurt Sorensen  
Knud Holm-Pedersen  
Wally Broen  
Ray Nyroos  
Mike Collins  
Leif Oddson

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# SPORTSMEN RECEIVE AWARDS

**By Bob Burt**

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Following a delicious smorgasbord set up by Luann Caterers, and arranged by the Sports Committee, it was time to hand out the Laurels. Wayne Sundby took over as Master of Ceremonies to present awards to winners in the Bowling League:

Winners of the "B" event were the "Fjords", including Lois Halberg, Selma Domier, Peter Hansen, Astrid Hope and Roy Sundby.

Winners of the "A" event were the "Midnight Suns", winning the Peter Hansen Trophy. Players included: Diane Benwood, Joan Claffey, Unni Botten, Val Farough and Eddie Chaba.



The 'Fjords' — Lois Halberg, Astrid Hope, Peter Hansen, Selma Domier, (missing is Roy Sundby).



First place in the 'A' event — Dale and Olga McBride, Faye and Bud Osborne.



The 'Midnight Suns' — Unni Botten, Diane Benwood, Joan Claffey, Eddie Chaba, (missing is Val Farough).

Second place went to "Vikings": Ralph Smith, Brenda Storie, Rob Helm, Brenda Bartlett and John Sargeant.

Third place winners were the "Norsemens": Don Claffey, Alice Tricoteux, Janice Miller and Bob Winkleman.

Fourth place went to "Hayden's Rockers": Orrie and Pat Bazian, Lise Barrows with Sharon and Doug Wright.

The team with "High Single" went to the "Midnight Suns" with a score of 1233.

**INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES**

In the Ladies' section: League High Average was presented to Val Farough with 193. Men's High Average went to John Sargeant with a very impressive 237.

Special Note: In a single game John Sargeant bowled a perfect 450 score: Congratulations, John, that's exceptional!

The Silver Cups for Sons of Norway members with Highest League Average went to: Ladies', Val Farough, 193; and Men's, Garth Travis, 205.

In order to give everyone a chance to win trophies, it was decided to allow one person to win only one individual trophy. The trophies for High

Triple and High Single were awarded to the next highest bowlers on the list.

Individual trophies for League High Triple was awarded to: Ladies, Alice Tricoteux, 693; Men's, Eddie Chaba, 842. Individual trophies for League High Single: Ladies, Lise Barrows, 315; Men's, Ralph Smith, 317.

Individual trophies for Low Game of the year: Ladies', Anita Stefanyk, 90; Men's, Peter Hansen, 89.

Members of the Bowling League with perfect attendance throughout the season included Dianne Benwood, Eddie Chaba, Val Farough, Don Claffey, Wes Kurtz, Lise Barrows, Randy Littlejohns and Cecilia Travers.

Each received recognition for their faithful attendance.

Before turning the program over to the presentation of curling awards, an election of officers was held for the Bowling League, and Wayne Sundby was again elected President. He will be ably assisted by Bob Winkleman. For the Curling League Bud Osborne was elected President; his Secretary and helper will be Dale McBride.

**CURLING**

The Curling season was most successful, competitive and fun-filled.

In the "A" Event, First Place went to the Dale McBride rink; Dale and Olga McBride with Bud and Faye Osborne.

Second Place in "A" Event was taken by Sev & Rose Borge with Ken and Selma Domier.

Third Place went to the Ducherers, Willie, Melvin, Wanda and Tracey.

Fourth Place rink; Keith and Marlene Moore with Andy Hawkins and Joan Rogers.

IN the "B" Event, First Place was taken by Al and Brenda Letendre, Bob McNaughtan and Judy Richardson.

Second Place winners: The Finstads, Peter, Glen and Janet with Doug Anderson.

Third Place winners included Keith and Cheryn Lillevolden, Perry Simpson and Dave Borge.

**THE MOST SPORTSMAN-LIKE TEAM** included The Finstad's Rink which included Peter, Glen & Janet, with Doug Anderson.

IN the "C" Event, First Place went to George Stewart, Goldie Borge, Elsworth Halberg and Ed Stoyko.

Second Place Winners were Evelyn and Gary Johnson with Rod and Lori Osborne.

**SILVER BROOM TROPHY**

At the banquet the coveted Silver Broom was presented. This year the Silver Broom Spiel was contested by 10 rinks on the 17th of March.

In the final game, the outcome was a tie score. Each rink will hold the trophy for half the year. Rinks contesting for the trophy were the threesome of Bud Osborne, Eve Naubert and Dale Buss; opposed by Bob McNaughtan, Faye Osborne and Marilyn Moore.

Following the 'Spiel the rinks gathered for a Dinner at the Balmoral Curling Rink, catered by Luann Caterers. This is a fun event, thoroughly enjoyed by all contestants.

With all trophies presented, gifts were presented to the Presidents and Secretaries of the various groups. Then it was music, socializing and dancing.

## FROM THE SCANDINAVIAN KITCHEN

### Gaesteret I Gryde (8 servings)

2½ lbs. pork tenderloin  
1 lb. mushrooms  
1 lb. tomatoes  
2 onions  
½ qt. whipping cream  
1 tsp. paprika  
1 tsp. parsley  
½ Cup butter  
salt & pepper

Brown everything separately and combine in a large pot. Browning may be added, if desired. If gravy is too thin, thicken with flour and milk mixture. (Combine milk and flour first in separate containers). - May be prepared day before use.

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KON TIKI NIGHT

The Kon Tiki Nite party was held this year at Club 386 in the Army Navy Airforce Hall on March 9th with 54 members in attendance. It was a colorful evening, with the majority of members in Polynesian attire.

Following a lovely luncheon, prizes were awarded for the best-costumed patrons in attendance. Ole and Win Dahl; Bob and Jan Burt; and Ray and Jeannette Cartwright were the winners, each receiving pineapples as prizes.

A great deal of praise goes to the Social Directors for the past months of entertainment and the programs and food supplied for each occasion: Great work and a good job done, Keith and Goldie!

Our newsletter is also an excellent record of what we are doing or about to do, and with it we can be prepared and reminded - thank you Louise



Ole and Win Dahl



Folk-dance group entertains

Johnson, you are doing a great job. Too little thanks is given to the executive members who work silently and well behind the scenes and are taken for granted. Astrid Hope is a fine example of a dedicated member doing her job well, and not receiving enough acknowledgement.

Bob and Janet Burt



Jeanette and Raymond Cartwright



HERITAGE DAYS  
AUGUST 4th & 5th

The time has come for all of the Scandinavian groups to join again for Heritage Days under the Big Top of the Scandinavian Pavillion.

As usual there will be a three facets:

1. The Display Booth - Crafts & artifacts, Norsk, Dansk, Svensk, Finnish and Icelandic cultural lore and learnings.

2. Food Booth - Ethnic Foods and Danish pastries on sale with the thirst-quenching soft drinks to satisfy the throng.

3. Stage: together with roving Vikings and the Viking ship. All groups have offered to willingly work, serve and do their part of the work; the profits will be split evenly. Just let's have a couple of good days, and we'll show the world what the Vikings are made of.

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## FIRST RACE

The Canadian Birkebeiner Race (first in America) was held February 9th. The 55 km cross country race for Westridge Lodge near Devon to Fort Edmonton Park was staged in -30C weather. Due to the extreme cold the race was cut to 32 km. There were 127 entries starting the mass race, with 124 finishing. Frost bite caused the few casualties in this the first and most successful Birkebeiner Race.

The event was sponsored by Sun Life Insurance Co., and involved a combination of several ski clubs under the guidance of Brian Peters. Torske Klubben donated a cup for First Place in the Ladies' section, and Ken Domier presented the cup at a post-race awards dinner. S/N member Knut Svidal donated a trophy for the Over-all winner. It is hoped that this race will become an Annual Event, modelled after the Norwegian race.

## FUN FOR FAMILIES

The St Hans' Fest celebration will be held this year at Mulhurst Lutheran Summer Camp on Pigeon Lake June 21-23rd. There will be good accommodation, cooking facilities, play area, sports area and swimming. Activities planned include horseshoe pitch, ball, volleyball, fishing, and competitions in log-sawing, nail-driving and water sports. Accommodation will be sufficient for those families not having trailers.

As before, those coming Friday should bring food for supper; breakfasts for Saturday and Sunday morning will be provided. Bring lunches for Saturday and Sunday, as well as your STEAKS for Supper Saturday. Ladies will provide the goodies for dessert for all meals. Pancakes for breakfast will be provided by the chefs of the camp.

As usual there will be the Campfire, horseshoe competitions, and if possible, fishing tournaments, nail-driving contests and log-sawing events. The usual trophies and medals will be awarded. Even the duffers will be able to get in some golf, I'm told.

## SONS OF NORWAY FRIDAY NIGHT BOWLING RESULTS

1984-85 Season, Ronning Lodge No. 504, Camrose, Alberta	Consolation	Rusty Five
Team Champs The Whatevers	Con. Peterson	
Mabel Sallee	Bette Christianson	
Mina Pool	Linda Johnson	
Harold Yttre	Jim Christianson	
Sis Larson	Mel. Thompson	
Hans Espe	Pinfall 5470	
310 points	Mens High Average	Obert Benson 210
Roll Off Champs Happy Rollers	Ladies High Average	Isabel Peterson 203
Dorothy Henkel	Mens high triple	Con. Peterson 768
Martin Olsen	Ladies high triple	Dorothy Henkel 674
Jim Wannop	Mens high Single	Dan Kabush 295
Bert Olsen	Ladies high single	Bert Olson 312
Erma Radke	Team High Tripe	Gophers 3343
Pinfall 6038	Team high Single	King Pins 1279

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## INITIATION AT S/N MEETING

The April meeting was held April 20th, in a snow storm: not too many were able to make it, but two new members were initiated when Selma Hyde and Gail Ahlf were admitted officially into Solglyt Lodge. New members Judy Richardson, Gladys Kelly and Glen Kirkwood were voted in.

Following the business meeting members settled to some heavy business - Norwegian Whist and Wine and Cheese. Winners of the contest included: Men's High, Kris Nyhus; and Women's High, Betty Broen.



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